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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**EDA et al.** : Group Art Unit: **1641**  
Serial No.: **09/827,846** :  
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Title: **Microparticle Enhanced Light Scattering Agglutination Assay and Microparticle Reagents Therefor** : Docket No.: **100554-34635**

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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

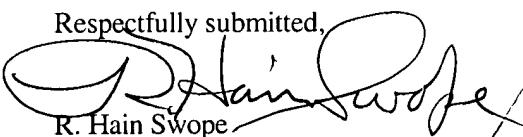
It is requested that the three-month shortened statutory period set for filing a Brief on Appeal, set for April 27, 2004 be extended for an additional two-month period to and including June 27, 2004 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

Enclosed please find Check No.229316 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the herein-requested Two Month Extension of Time. No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments. This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

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